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IN RE APPLICATION OF: :  
 NAOYUKI FUKUCHI ET AL : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
 SERIAL NO: NEW APPLICATION :  
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 FILED: HEREWITH : EXAMINER:  
 FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING :  
 SUBUNIT PEPTIDE ORIGINATING  
 FROM OLIGOMERIC PROTEIN

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 8, beginning at line 22, please delete the paragraph and replace it with the following paragraph:

(11) A subunit peptide originating from an oligomeric protein having disulfide bonds within a subunit and between subunits, wherein

polyoxyalkyl polyether is bonded to a cysteine residue that is originally involved in formation of a disulfide bond between subunits of the oligomeric protein, among cysteine residues in the subunit peptide, and the subunit peptide has decreased antigenicity.

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